

House File 2158 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to driver's license requirements for a person
2 operating a certain combination of vehicles for the purpose
3 of engaging in a hobby.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.176A, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. *a.* A person operating a motor vehicle
4 with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twenty-six
5 thousand one pounds towing a trailer if all of the following
6 apply:

7 (1) The owner of the motor vehicle is the operator or a
8 passenger in the motor vehicle.

9 (2) The owner of the motor vehicle is traveling primarily
10 for the purpose of engaging in a hobby.

11 (3) The trailer is being used to haul cargo that is used by
12 the owner to participate in the owner's hobby.

13 *b.* For purposes of this subsection:

14 (1) "*Commercial purpose*" does not include an activity
15 that involves prize money or commercial sponsorship which is
16 incidental to participation in the activity as a hobby.

17 (2) "*Hobby*" means an activity that is not a person's regular
18 occupation and which is engaged in primarily for relaxation and
19 not for a commercial purpose.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill creates an exemption from commercial driver's
24 licensing requirements for certain persons participating in a
25 hobby. Under the bill, the operator of a motor vehicle with a
26 gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds which is
27 towing a trailer is not required to have a commercial driver's
28 license if: (1) The owner of the motor vehicle is the driver
29 or a passenger in the vehicle. (2) The owner is traveling
30 primarily to engage in a hobby, defined in the bill as an
31 activity that is not the person's regular occupation and which
32 is engaged in primarily for relaxation and not for a commercial
33 purpose. The bill specifies that an activity that involves
34 prize money or commercial sponsorship which is incidental to
35 participation in the activity as a hobby is not a "commercial

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1 purpose". (3) The trailer is being used to haul cargo that is
2 used by the owner to participate in the owner's hobby.